SERMON FOR SUNDAY

A Scholarly Discourse By Rev. Wm. R. Richards.

Subject: "Following Jesus."—"And Jesus Arose and Followed Him"

NEW YORK CITY.—In the Brick Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, the pastor, the Rev. William R. Richards, preached to a large congregation on "Following Jesus." The text for his text Matthew 9:19, "And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did his disciples," and said:

The question is asked, What is meant to be a Christian at the time when Jesus was living on the earth? Of course, the word "Christian" is not then come into use, for the fact is the Christian Church, itself, was not in existence. The question is "What was it like, if it began now? What would be what unsaved men would a man profess that he had made the decision and had become a Christian? What would now be his duty? What would be his history, and what would be his character? In a public meeting, in the first place, a man would be called upon to say that he had made the decision for Christ. Jesus was to say: "He received me, he followed Him." Then there are other places where we read of one and an other and a third, and we have the Lord Jesus. That is the historic picture of the Christian. That is the picture. It is the leader walking here and there about the country and his disciples following after. In the beautiful parable Jesus is described as the shepherd going out in search of the sheep, who proved three were his sheep because they knew His voice, following him. That is the regular order of the sacred history. I have spoken of it before on other occasions following. But there is one singular marked exception to that order. It is all the more striking because it stands alone from once to the other. The order of the term is used in the other order. Some one else is leading. It is Christ who is leading His disciples. His other leader left who spoke with such authority what Jesus followed him? You might think that it was some great teacher and God, or perhaps some prophet. But it was not so. Jesus had once claimed to be sufficient. He never consented to follow another teacher. Or perhaps some sincere, ecclesiastic, who, because of his sacred office could take precedence of Jesus. But it was not so, for if you look into the history you find that Christ never for a moment rendered such supremacy to any church official. His word was always "Follow me." Or, perhaps, you think it was some civil ruler, like King Herod or Pontius Pilate, or the great Cæsar himself at Rome. But it was not so. He never consented to follow any great man on earth. He said, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," but He was talking about taxes, not His personal allegiance; that was due to God and to God alone. Jesus arose and followed Him. Of course, the world would have been saved without Jesus, but it would have been a sharp contact with the world's sorrow and suffering and evil that was to reach him his precedence. Lost on must Jesus follow.

Here, so to me, it is we might take this as one of the passages that remind us of the Lord's wonderful grace in how He was shut out by limitation from many of the blessings of life until some one came and showed Him the home where He could go and be what He was. It was in a true in some sense, but as you mine upon, you find it was an act of grace on the part of Godhood. What kind of presence is it that comes to the Creator? Some story of His creatures? Is it love and tenderness that moves God, our humility, emptiness. It is our cry of sorrow, our cry of need, that moves God. Were it were possible to conceive of such a thing as God without the knowledge of God—If you could conceive of yourself as existing in the world of God and infinitude Him that some where in the universe there was some unknown creature, unknown to himself, perishing for want of Him, and you were the only guide qualified to show the way to that creature, and to say, with all reverence that you could expect God himself to arise and follow you. And Jesus rose up and followed Him. That is the picture of the Christian. In the beautiful parable Jesus is described as the shepherd going out in search of the sheep, who proved three were his sheep because they knew His voice, following him. That is the regular order of the sacred history. I have spoken of it before on other occasions following. But there is one singular marked exception to that order. It is all the more striking because it stands alone from once to the other order. Some one else is leading. It is Christ who is leading His disciples. His other leader left who spoke with such authority what Jesus followed him? You might think that it was some great teacher and God, or perhaps some prophet. But it was not so. Jesus had once claimed to be sufficient. He never consented to follow another teacher. Or perhaps some sincere, ecclesiastic, who, because of his sacred office could take precedence of Jesus. But it was not so, for if you look into the history you find that Christ never for a moment rendered such supremacy to any church official. His word was always "Follow me." Or, perhaps, you think it was some civil ruler, like King Herod or Pontius Pilate, or the great Cæsar himself at Rome. But it was not so. He never consented to follow any great man on earth. He said, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," but He was talking about taxes, not His personal allegiance; that was due to God and to God alone. Jesus arose and followed him. And so, as soon as you do you will find that you are not going to be left alone. You will have company. Jesus arose and followed Him, and as soon as you do you will find that you are not going to be left alone. You will have company. His guide, and you have done well by His guide.

This is not my theme. Let me read you the whole story, behold! there came a certain ruler, and when he saw Jesus he ran and bowed beneath him, saying, my little daughter lieth at the point of death, but come and come and lay thy hand upon her and she shall live. And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did his disciples.

Doers of the Word.

To be simply a hearer of God's word is not only to deceive oneself, but to increase one's responsibility. Inasmuch as we are all of us sharers in the blessings of the gospel, we are upon His unfaithful followers. It is a great thing to remember that God's word may be translated into Christian living. If we are to be what we should be guided by one single precept, in the process of time we shall come to know our Bibles as thoroughly as we know our own names, but we should also come to the place where the revelation of Jesus Christ would be very attractively presented to one who might not read God's Word, but who would see in the life of a man a therefore doers of the Word, and not hearers only.

Look Upward.

I cannot understand why those who have given themselves up to God and are marching on in the pathway of holiness are not possible happiness can be equal to the happiness which many Christians which may happen ought to have good cheer and their looking upward.—St. Francis de Sales.

Our Pilot.

Our Father's hand is at the helm of the universe, and we do not try to carry the labors of the dark by the responsibilities of the Pilot. "Trust in the Lord with all thy heart," etc. Prov. 3:5, 6. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

God We Can Trust.

Help us to reach out unto Thee with a confident understanding to the God we can trust. We thank Thee for the gracious gift of what comes by the changelessness of that which passes not.—Matthew D. Babcock.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES

JULY FIFTEENTH.

How Can I Be a True Friend?—Prov. 17:17; 18:24; 27:9, 17, 19; Eccl. 4:9, 10.

A friend is best proved a friend when his friendship receives no return.

There may be friendship without a return, but there will be no return without friendship.

The best proof of friendship is in criticism; and the best criticism is reserved praise.

It is well to work for Christ: it is more than twice as well when two work together for Christ.

Suggestions.

It is hard, but it is possible, to be a friend—alone.

Good things require time, and the best things, like friendship, require best things, like friendship, require Th on is a "genial a fee friend ship but it is only a genius for undefinishness, and all may win it.

Illustrations.

A palace is not built in a day, and no true friendship is a growth; it is a palace that is to last forever.

Why a fall fell to us on earth, the earth's all contemporaneous to meet the fall; no friendship is sure of some such fatal test the most sinful.

Friendship is a wireless telegraph, two communicates less by visible means than invisible.

Electric currents along a wire set up currents along parallel wires. So friendship between two prompts friendship between other ones.

To Think About.

Have I many friends, or few?
Do I make friends of my friends?
Is Christ my best friend?

A Cluster of Questions.

Some friends as shadows are,
And Fortune as the sun,
They come and go with every change
Till Fortune hath begun.

Try to please men and ignore God, and you will get nothing but disappointment.—General Gordon.

True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shock of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.—George Washington.

What one will do of his own accord is worth twice what he will do on some one else's initiative.

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, JULY 15.

The Grace of Brotherly Love.—John 13, 34; Heb. 13, 1.

"Love is the greatest thing in the world," said Henry Drummond.

"Love is of God," say, "God is love." "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." If anything was expelled from the human soul when it fell in Eden, that thing was love; that that generous, outgoing feeling that made it impossible for one to put a stumbling block in another's way, or to scheme to profit by another's misfortune. Love in the soul is the beginning factor in it. Its absence, ambition, covetousness, enmity, malice, hatred—all the evils that escaped from Pandora's box—ran riot, and, in a wild revelry of passion, set to destroying the peace of every other—and that is what all the mountains and valleys of the world are full of. Love to her ravished throne, and make her once sweet regnant in the human soul. So, down, Ambition, that has been lording it over kindlier passions; down with the pride of the unholy parsion—fell from heaven down, Ambition to thy place of service at the feet of Christian Love! Let desire hereafter covet nothing now and then covers a year when all fruit crops with a handsome sum.

The Poultry Industry.

The hen has come to the front with extraordinary strides in our domestic and commercial economy. The demand for fresh eggs and choice table poultry has created a new farm industry and the supply. The hen is a money maker. The commercial poultry farmer goes away there and, still find in them a good profit. The farm poultry raiser has vast advantages over the latter, but the improved breeds, so easily done, and the new and poultry houses, which can give them range, which is essential to health and good growth, the cost of production is greatly lessened by the use of any commercial commodity. The run on fresh eggs in winter is a special benefit rather than an expense. They destroy insects, and are of great benefit in living with a little extra corn or summer feed. A market is always ready.

Spray For Fruit.

1. Spray with Bordeaux mixture before the leaves unfold.

2. Spray with diluted Bordeaux mixture two weeks after the blossoms fall.

3. Spray with diluted Bordeaux mixture two weeks after the second spraying.

Diluted Bordeaux mixture is used for the second and third spraying because of the tender foliage of this group of trees. These may be sprayed, ever, sprayed each time with the Bordeaux mixture.

These sprayings will be effected for leafspot, mildew, leaf curl, scab, and other fungous diseases.

In case of pear blight, winter all diseased branches, cutting off several inches below the diseased area. Several weeks after blossoming remove all young dead twigs in the same way. Use a knife that is sterilized from time to time by wiping it with a cloth dipped in corrosive sublimate. Add quince cuttings also on apple and quince. Use the same treatment.

Sharpening Hen's Teeth.

As all who have poultry know the portion of the hen's anatomy answering to teeth is the gizzard. A hen's gizzard is a wonderful piece of material provided which will enable the gizzard to do its work properly. Grit of the as poultryman says he would as soon think of trying to raise fowls without grain as without grit, and he is very near right. While all animals need grit, we believe that there should be considerable mixture here as well as in the feed. Another thing poultry are willingly gives us all of the broken flower nets we will ever away, also the pieces of tins and the smaller pieces and mixed with short bits of stone and coarse gravel, and each and broken china, and with the hard portions of clam and oyster shells. We can not say that a hen is a hen proceeded from soil as much as possible and animal matter was converted in the only "holy, harmless, and undefiled" being ever born of woman, which is to say that it could not even from dirt, the fowls can pick out the pieces they want as they please.—Indiana Farmer.

Seed Corn From Growing Grain.

The experiment station of Ohio furnishes valuable information in a bulletin on the "Improvement of the seed, the selection being made during the growing of the plant in the field, which is better than to wait for the full attention of growers or corn everywhere. Taking ears of corn for the purpose, it is scored as follows: Vigor of plants, twenty points; position of ear, 5; ear, 10; shank, 5; butt, 5; points; length of ear, five points; uniformity of plant and ear, 10 points, and shape of kernel and size of germ, ten points. Very important in the work which is to follow is the elimination of undesirable plants by disqualifications, as plants growing under less than normal stand; plants of weak growth, those badly injured by disease; plants diseased; plants maturing too late for the locality, etc. The seed corn from such plants is fatal to the following crop. The vigor of the entire plant is the first consideration of the stalk below the ear; the ear is considered next, for it is the development and freedom from disease. The ideal position of the ear is such that it can be easily and carefully upon the plant. The weight of the ear is to be determined by scales when the ear is thoroughly dry. The plan of uniformity of plant and ear is based on the habit of growth and vigor of plant as well as size, shape, color and indentation of ear. Corn thrown everywhere should not be used for these points, which will mean decidedly improved crops.—Indianapolis News.

Orchard Cultivation.

Referring to the fact that many trees die while yet in their prime, a writer asserts that it is simply a matter of starvation—soil exhaustion. The land has produced the trees, also foliage and fruit, year after year, for a period of ten, twenty, thirty, forty or fifty years, often called upon to produce a cereal crop as well, and in many cases with little or no return of fertilizing elements to the soil aside from those which nature supplies. What wonder that the soil has become poverty stricken, and is no longer able to bear the strain? A reasonable man should expect the soil to produce one crop, year after year, for a long season, and in regard to cereal crops there are a few who do, yet many seem to expect to gather fruit from generation to generation without making any return for what they take away. Intelligent cultivation appeared. Organized society has faced the problem always, and nowhere has it been successfully met except in those countries where road building has been recognized as function of government. The people of the United States have suffered more actual loss perhaps from bad roads than any other one cause, if we compute the losses in dollars and cents. This says nothing of the physical and moral discomforts, the drawbacks to progress and the hindrance to education and the spread of the Christian religion. No other civilized people would have tolerated the deplorable conditions that we have here held so long as our people have. Another thing we have to do is to permit of a $50,000.00 bond issue, but we should see that it is equitably proportioned to each county, so that by the spending of $5, 000.00 a year for ten years the most equitable development during a period of ten years. When the plans for the system have been carefully taken and approved, and reapproved from year to year, a standing order for the road improvement is not unlikely to be given, and it will therefore be understood, the people are not to be taxed out of the increased burden in taxes in excess of the benefits received.—New York Tribune.

To Use Convict Labor.

The Good Roads Association of Minneapolis has gone on record as favoring the use of convict labor in the work of improving the roads throughout the State.

Experimenting in Iowa.

The Iowa Legislature has wisely appropriated $7000 for good roads experimental work. This is a far "good road" that leads toward judicious national aid.

New Use For Virginia Pine.

The Virginia pine, commonly called scrub pine in some places, is regarded as worthless, except for cordwood. Within the last four years the manufacture of paper pulp has attracted the wood with success, and several mills in Tennessee are especially using it in considerable quantities for this purpose. One Pennsylvania mill consumes in this way 50,000 cords a year.

The scrub pine, whose range is chiefly in Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland and Virginia, is found in large quantities in old fields in the last two States in particular where it has reproduced itself, undisturbed since the Civil War. It has recently been found in commercial quantities also in Central Pennsylvania. Since it is a tree which thrives on even the poorest soil and reproduces itself with great ease, its entrance into commercial importance will offer a very interesting problem in forest management, and one which promises quite unexpected results.—Forestry and Irrigation.

The Farm

The Best Calf Food.

Separated milk as a food for calves, when fed direct from the machine, makes a model milk food. Special experiments show that practically as good calves can be raised on separated milk, direct from the machine, as can be raised on whole milk, provided the butter fat lost in the removal of the cream, is replaced by linseed meal, corn meal, or flour or molasses.

Special Crop for Profit.

It is not a bad plan for any farmer to have some specialty aside from his regular crops, if he is too short of help. Among the things to be suggested a small area in some kind of fruit would be within the range of all. This would afford a profit in the majority of seasons, and every now and then comes a year when all fruit crops yield a handsome sum.

Farm and Garden Notes.

Every farmer should have a few sheep.

Sunlight in the cow stable is worth money.

Mutton is growing in favor with meat eaters.

Roots for breeding ewes are almost a necessity.

Just as likely as likely as not the pet gun is unclean as the pet cow.

Hog killing is a trying time for the women folks.

It takes no less few good horses and too many poor ones.

For mating the pullet should be of very nearly the same size as the cock.

This will conduce to the strength and good health of the offspring.

In some institutions are the means whereby the wide-awake man lays a firm course in the steadily upbuilding of the family of stock.

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The ground becomes filthy if the coops are allowed to remain in one place for long. Remove them at least once a week.

Apple and pear trees usually bear only every other year, but with proper culture and by thinning the fruit when the trees are young they may be made to produce abundant crops each season. This is an important item in the orchard.

Colts which are to be exhibited in the show ring should be trained to be led by the side or driven ahead of a pony. A second-class colt, well educated and well shown, will beat a first-class one every time that is poorly shown before the judges when competing in the ring.

Put up the fences or invite your stock to jump over them. If they accept the invitation and get a taste of your growing corn it will take two boards to keep them out while one may do it now. A breechy animal on the farm generally has a commission given by the negligence of the owner.

According to a recent report from Tokio, there are 1786 wholesale and 235,414 retail tobacco dealers in Japan.

GOOD ROADS

The Public Road Agitation.

The public road question is as old as civilization. How to solve it has pestered the mind of man ever since the wheel was invented. Moses legislated and the necessity of communities to keep roads in repair was recognized by the Roman Empire. Ancient Egypt must have been in some localities a veritable network of roads, as suggested the question asked by Jeremiah, "Treasted Him." was made. The question was not asked, "How do I know Jim was going?" but the purpose of testing the matter. Jesus, "Master," or "Teacher," the same as rabbi. "To inherit life." Eternal life is the true life. The soul-thirst which is in it in its highest state, and things in this world is good seeking. His question was, "How become a child of God and a partaker of that true spiritual life that goes forever?"

20. "What is written." As one of the law he should be able to "How readest thou?" What is the Bible opinion upon this matter? Jesus Christ always referred to the Old Testament as the authority. Samaritans were a half-breed people. The children of the family of Aaron by Jeshua, Levi's great-grandson. Jews. "Had compassion." Was moved by the sight. Went from a Samaritan, not from a priest or Levite. Bound up his wounds. Poured in oil and wine. Set him on his own beast. Took him to an inn. Cared for him. Paid for him. Promised to come again. Made excuses. To do good. To be saved. To have eternal life. Received. 35. "On the morrow." Next day, or next night. "Two pence." Roman denarius is worth about 17 cents, but it would purchase eight or ten times as much as now. Whatsoever thou spendest more. Will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, seemed neighbor unto him that fell among thieves? "He that showed mercy on him." "Was neighbor unto him." He was the neighbor. He was the Jewish ideas, but a contrast to them. It is truly a definition. The whole old religion of duty is changed into a religion of love. Jesus Christ ought thus to show the spirit of neighborliness or over-fondness for those deserving of love. We should be ready to help a son who needs our assistance.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JULY 15.

Subject: The Good Samaritan. Luke 10:25-37—Golden Text, Matt. 7:12. Memory Verses, 33, 34—Topic, Helping Fellow Men—Commentary.

I. How to gain eternal life, vs. 25-28. 25. "A certain lawyer." Scribe; a professional interpreter of the law of Moses. Usually a Pharisee. was a teacher and had a company of disciples about him. Lawyer must have been in some localities a veritable network of roads, as suggested the question asked by Jeremiah, "How readest thou?" What is the Bible opinion upon this matter? Jesus Christ always referred to the Old Testament as the authority. Samaritans were a half-breed people. The children of the family of Aaron by Jeshua, Levi's great-grandson. Jews. "Had compassion." Was moved by the sight. Went from a Samaritan, not from a priest or Levite. Bound up his wounds. Poured in oil and wine. Set him on his own beast. Took him to an inn. Cared for him. Paid for him. Promised to come again. Made excuses. To do good. To be saved. To have eternal life. Received. 35. "On the morrow." Next day, or next night. "Two pence." Roman denarius is worth about 17 cents, but it would purchase eight or ten times as much as now. Whatsoever thou spendest more. Will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, seemed neighbor unto him that fell among thieves? "He that showed mercy on him." "Was neighbor unto him." He was the neighbor. He was the Jewish ideas, but a contrast to them. It is truly a definition. The whole old religion of duty is changed into a religion of love. Jesus Christ ought thus to show the spirit of neighborliness or over-fondness for those deserving of love. We should be ready to help a son who needs our assistance.

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

Fully men employed in the stree leaning and street watering department New York.

Journeymen and Apprentice Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers organization promises to become more than a local affair, as it has been for years. The membership now is said to number 10,000, and the Chief Tyler it will reach 50,000 before the close of the year.

Chicago (Ill.) Freight Handlers' Union has presented evidence to prove its claims to a minimum wage of $2 a day, based on the wage rates paid by Eastern railroads. When negotiations open with the twenty-two railroads entering the city, these figures will be produced.

NEW GOWN CASES

Love of finery is so strong in the worldly nature of the female sex that even the Salvation Army and Judy O'Grady are not exempt from its influence. It is not surprised last year to see the Salvation Army lassie attention at one of the Washington street Syrian colony. The wife declares the New York Fire steps thronged with ragged in slovenly attire and their hair uncombed. There was hardly the face to be seen, and even when fire engines and hook and ladder companies of Eve straightened up their backs and threw the gown of flowing sheets around only at the shoulders, dark-eyed mothers, who forgot their little ones to view the silk clad figures. Even the half suppressed laughter and have thought as Eve herself would feel when

Woman's Realm

New Outaway Coat.

It is man tailored.
It isn't rounding.
It simply slants off.
It should be flat braided.
It is made of fine worsted.
It gives really very good lines.
It is worn over a 12-gore skirt.
It makes any woman look tall and slender.
The pocket is a combination, flap or welt.

Sashes and Hair Ribbons.

Sashes and hair ribbons are bought from the same bolt of ribbon, since all fashionable ribbons are of soft chiffon texture, and the hair bow must be of ample proportions to be smart. Plain or "warp print" ribbons that can be had with any flowered or in any color desired, are equally fashionable. Some of the prettiest frocks seen recently had sashes and hair ribbons of green. The color ranges from brown, run through embroidered beading about four and a half inches in width; the velvet ribbon finishing in double cravat bows without ends at the center back.

Boots to Match.

Undoubtedly the smartest boot for One wear matches the costume. For a plum-colored or navy-blue costume the broadcloth boot is the best choice of finest leather (patent, shiny or mat, as one prefers), with the tops to match. Whatever the color worn, this holds good, and it is good style with gray cloth. The most correct and smart, are gaiters to match the dress. White ones are effected with black velvet decorations, made and gray are generally worn. It is smartest to have them match the dress, except the light ones are worn in harmonious contrast.

A New Lace.

Cotton braid commingled with a coarse type of mohaire goes to the fashioning of the newest lace, which is known as Irish cord point. Elaborate hand stitchery fills in the intervening spaces, and in the form of complete or partial trimmings this blouses it is certain to be largely in demand. It harmonizes beautifully with linen frocks. Motifs of white cotton braid, chiefly in the form of marguerites with solid crochet centres, adorn many of the lace boleros and blouses which are being prepared for wearing with corselet skirts.

Value of a Correct Walk.

A woman who leads a very active life has a theory that the preservation of a graceful figure depends to a great extent on the manner of walking. Many people walk from the hip, and advance in years allow themselves to walk heavily and without elasticity, so that the weight comes to rest on the lower part of the limbs at every step. In our daily round of exercise being wearied of the legs and feet, instead of this the body should be held erect and poised so as to have a perfect balance; in this way the muscles are braced and strengthened throughout, the lungs must of necessity be well expanded.

About New Braids.

Quantities of braid are used on all the dressy thin gowns, and countless of deep purple cloth, fashioned with cape boleros and adorned with black and cream lace and gold Russian braid, will represent another very important feature of spring wear. Small black and white checked cloth costumes, which are equally popular, are trimmed with guards' red cloth and broad black silk fancy braid. A noticeable point about the new trimmings is that the wide plain braids are usually overlaid with lace insertion or a thread of gold or silver running through it. This being maneuvered into circular motifs or into a variety of different designs.

Floating Summer Veil.

About three yards of material are required and the colors are a pale cream, a soft gray, a delicate blue, a pastel blue of some one of the lighter shades of green. The color should be in all cases, be light and should harmonize with the gown if it does not closely match it. The material best be chiffon, which is, after all, the most desirable of materials. The veil now covers the ears closely and shuts out one's sight and it, consequently, requires no arranging. With two small pins it must be gathered about a little at the sides and secured so that it does not come loose in use. It holds on the hat well, but it is not fastened to the ears quite so tightly, nor does it obstruct one's vision as it did before. This is one of the neatest and prettiest of ways of wearing the new automobile or wind veil. It is the best in every way, in the tech of any gale, and it gives a woman, consequently, that dash she needs.

Too Many Good Looking Girls.

In their efforts to discover the reasons for the declining marriage rate in Germany the statisticians have at last found the truth that certain explanations which sound very strange. The latest idea on the subject is that there are too many good looking girls. Young men did not always see the same selection as they have in our day. There were, however, pretty and beautiful girls in all ages, but they were fewer than at present. Athletic exercises and intelligent care of the body, assisted by higher education, have evolved a race of girls which is, as a race, far superior to the generation to which our grandmothers belonged. "What splendid girls one sees everywhere!" is a common cry nowadays. Well, they are a fruit of prettiness, so to speak, the young men were grown exacting and want still more. They are constantly on the watch for something better still, and so they wait, and wait, till they either become confirmed bachelors, or reach middle age and marry a young woman for other charms than beauty That does not mean that beauty never gets a chance of marriage. Not at all! Yet it results in a decreased number of marriages. In addition to the fact that some men become bachelors, there is the parallel fact that the young women who have had to wait often decide to remain single in preference to a marriage of mere prudence. Being their own masters, they are aware that they have been prepared to marry in the earlier years, but they are standing off in their mature days, just as the young men did in their twenties, says Home Notes. This is a curious theory, but we do not venture to say that it is entirely without foundation.

Shopping Etiquette for Women.

Etiquette among women seems to be forgotten when they enter the shopping district. How many women engaged in the life and death struggle of gaining a $2 shirtwaist for $1.98 remember the maternity laws that govern the universe? Or, as well with me one afternoon a frog crooked the said:

"We will have clear weather for twenty-four hours. When a frog croaks in that fashion you may be sure of seven-by-four hours of sunshine." We walked on, and in twenty minutes or so a heavy shower came up, and we were both drenched to the skin.

"You are a fine weather prophet," said I, as we hurried homeward through the downpour. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

"Oh, well," said the farm hand, "the frog did. It's no blame, nor me, nor I responsible for the morals of that particular frog?"—Philadelphia Record.

QUALIFIED.

"I'm going to quit dentistry and try for Congress."

"Why, you're not fitted for legislative work."

"Not, eh? Doesn't Senator Bailey say the laws of the future are to have teeth?"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

AGGRAVATING ECZEMA.

Troubled Badly For Several Years With Eczema on Limbs—Another Wonderful Cure by Cuticura.

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